

Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, March 11, 1901

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Aviation S @ SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Washington, U.S.A* . March 11 , 1901. Dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter of today is received, and the book, so promptly returned.

As for the engravings, they were sent to me by a stranger, a Mr. W. F. Langbehn. They are quite curious, I think. In case you care to photograph them, you are entirely welcome to them for that purpose, and I re-enclose them. I do not know exactly where or when they were published, but this was probably nearly sixty years ago, as they seem to be an illustration of Henson's flying machine, whose date is about 1842.

I am glad to infer that the subject still has your interest.

Very truly yours, S.P.Langley
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